

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY**

**Aiken**

**Grades: PK-5**

**Enrollment: 614**

**Principal: Mrs. Alison Churm**

**Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**

**Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins**

## PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD |                 | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
|      |                 |               | General Performance            | Closing the Gap |            |                         |
| 2010 | Average         | Good          | TBD                            | TBD             | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2009 | Average         | Good          | Silver                         | N/A             | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2008 | Average         | Good          | Silver                         | Silver          | Met        | N/A                     |

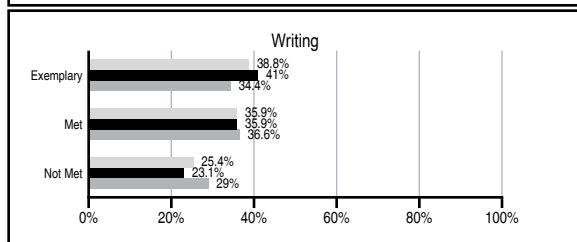
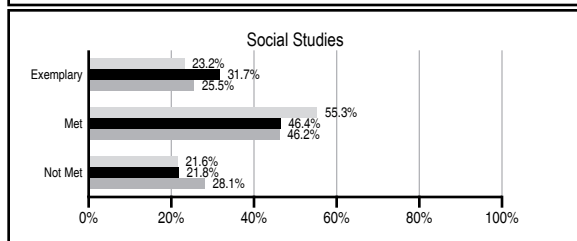
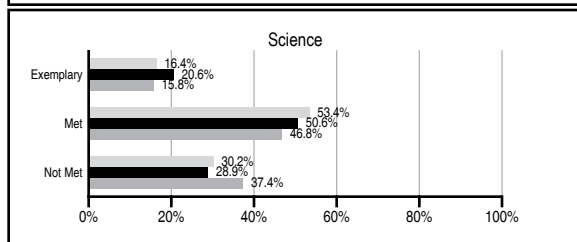
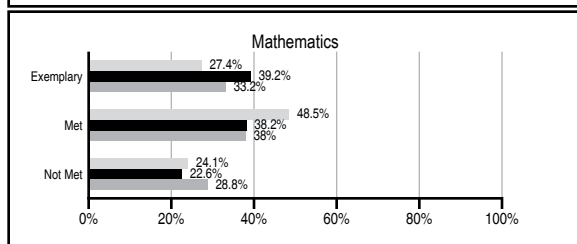
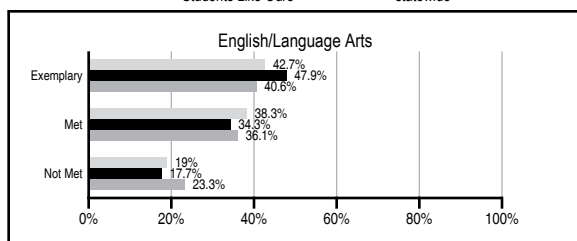
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 23        | 37   | 30      | 0             | 0       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

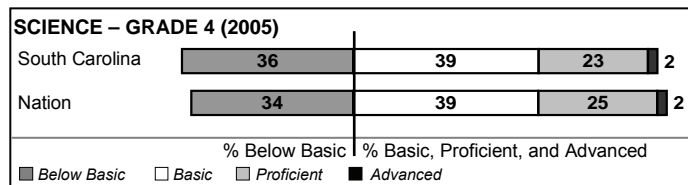
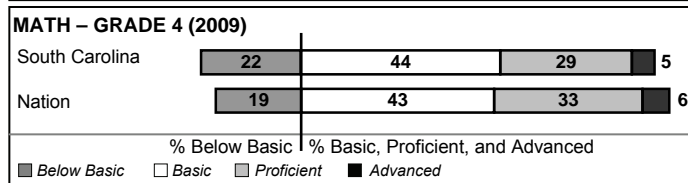
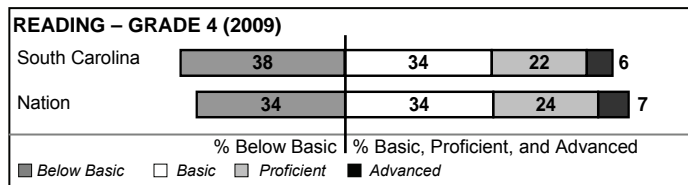
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

**2010 Goal:**

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

**2020 Vision:**

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=614)</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Retention rate   | 2.1%       | Down from 3.2%        | 1.2%                                       | 1.2%                     |
| Attendance rate  | 96.1%      | Down from 96.6%       | 96.2%                                      | 96.1%                    |
| Eligible for gifted and talented   | 11.3%      | Up from 10.6%         | 16.0%                                      | 11.7%                    |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 9.4%       | Down from 10.5%       | 7.6%                                       | 8.0%                     |
| Older than usual for grade   | 0.8%       | Down from 1.8%        | 0.3%                                       | 0.4%                     |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Teachers (n=38)</b>   |            |                       |  |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 63.2%      | Up from 57.1%         | 59.4%                                      | 60.5%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 100.0%     | Up from 92.9%         | 86.2%                                      | 84.6%                    |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 91.7%      | No Change             | 89.0%                                      | 87.0%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 94.0%      | Up from 93.0%         | 95.4%                                      | 95.4%                    |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$48,829   | Up 0.2%               | \$47,870                                   | \$47,288                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 10.6 days  | Up from 6.4 days      | 10.8 days                                  | 10.5 days                |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Principal's years at school  | 1.0        | Down from 6.0         | 4.8  | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 19.3 to 1  | Up from 17.7 to 1     | 19.9 to 1                                  | 19.2 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time   | 88.4%      | Down from 89.1%       | 90.8%                                      | 90.8%                    |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Good       | No Change             | Good                                       | Good                     |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                      |
| Parents attending conferences  | 98.6%      | Down from 100.0%      | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | Up from Average       | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$7,260    | Up 4.4%               | \$7,124                                    | \$7,548                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 75.3%      | Up from 74.9%         | 68.8%                                      | 68.7%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 72.4%      | Up from 58.7%         | 65.6%                                      | 65.1%                    |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 100.0%     | No Change             | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 40       | 52        | 50       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 95.0%    | 88.2%     | 82.0%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 94.9%    | 86.5%     | 79.2%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 95.0%    | 84.3%     | 91.8%    |

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Belvedere Elementary School's mission is to work cooperatively with parents and the community to promote academic success for students in a safe environment. A family friendly atmosphere creates a secure environment in which students thrive. Every faculty member is committed to these same principals by providing a caring, nurturing setting in each classroom.

Our goal is to help each child reach his/her maximum potential through high expectations and the development of critical thinking skills. Our students performed well on PASS in the spring of 2009, allowing us to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Belvedere was also named a Palmetto Silver Award Winner for the third straight year for closing the achievement gap. The addition of a Reading Recovery teacher to our staff and the restructuring of our Student Support Team to a school-wide intervention have allowed our teachers to examine our strengths and weaknesses to improve instruction. It has also provided very specialized assistance for some students in need. Exciting events and projects engage our students throughout the year. We are proud to have the "Area 2 Spelling Bee Winner" in our current fifth grade. Our teachers spent a great deal of time this year in staff development. Our "Early Release Day" activities provided many opportunities to collaborate with other teachers in our area. We were able to have district consultants, writing consultants, and have plenty of time for "sharing our ideas."

Every classroom at Belvedere is now equipped with an interactive white board. This provides unlimited resources to the teachers as they can access SCETV Streamline and other online sites. Computer assisted instruction, individually paced, are available for each student. Laptop computers for research and writing are also available for students on a daily basis.

Extended hours for learning and social development are provided daily by The Sunshine House's QuestZone Afterschool Program. An EAA afterschool tutoring program also provides additional opportunities for our students throughout the year.

Our parents and community continue to support us daily. The Belvedere PTO and School Improvement Council support our school through events such as PTO Fall Carnival, Ice Cream and Popcorn Sales (weekly), school grounds beautification day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast, Student Appreciation, and the Teacher Mini-Grant Program. Our PTO has contributed over \$13,000.00 to support our students and teachers.

This year Belvedere Elementary became a SC Red Carpet School by providing effective customer service to all of our stakeholders. The "Bears" are proud to call BES their home as we strive to make our school the best place to learn and grow!

Alison Churm, Principal  
Kevin Wilson, SIC Chairman

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